

BIG INSURANCE DEAL

American, of Newark, Absorbs Metropolitan.

MAKE THE TRANSFER TO-DAY

Entire Liability of the Big Local Fire Underwriting Company to Be Assumed by the New Jersey Corporation—Deal Arranged by Wolf & Cohen—In Business Sixty Years.

Arrangements have practically been concluded whereby the entire fire insurance liability of the National Metropolitan Insurance Company, of the District of Columbia, will be taken over by the American Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J. The National Metropolitan Insurance Company is one of the oldest and best known of the local fire insurance companies. The deal has been handled by Wolf & Cohen, general agents of the Metropolitan concern in this city.

The reinsurance treaty involves a liability of about \$2,500,000, and provides for the retirement from business of the National Metropolitan. The company which will go out of business has a capitalization of \$100,000, and assets amounting to \$225,000. It has several thousand policy holders in this section, being purely a local concern.

Arrange Reinsurance Treaty. The reinsurance treaty was transacted by Wolf & Cohen, of the American Insurance Company, and through the board of directors of the Washington company.

The board consists of the following members: William A. Gordon, Peter De Graw, Edward F. Droop, Edward H. Droop, W. H. Hoeke, Clarence F. Norment, W. F. Mattingly, and George E. Henning, all of this city.

The same system is being followed in turning over the affairs of the concern to the American, as was pursued by the Big Five Insurance Company of the District, which went into voluntary liquidation several years ago.

Until his death several weeks ago, Samuel Cross was secretary of the National Metropolitan, having been with the company from its beginning thirty-six years ago. The company was organized in 1870. One of the original promoters and stockholders and later its president for more than twenty years was John T. Lemman. After his death about ten years ago he was succeeded by William A. Gordon, who has held the position since.

It is understood that the board of directors of the Metropolitan have made the treaty subject to the ratification of the stockholders, upon terms highly satisfactory to both parties. The affairs of the organization going out of business will be turned over to Wolf & Cohen, agents for the American Insurance Company, to-day.

Policy Holders Protected. The policy holders of the National Metropolitan are given the protection of this company's assets, which must be held until all policies expire. Also the additional safeguard of nearly \$5,000,000 of assets of the reinsuring company.

The American has been in business for more than sixty years, and passed through the Chicago and Boston conflagrations. In the recent San Francisco disaster it had a loss of about \$1,000,000. It was among those companies which were "rolled of honor" by the Californians for its promptness and fairness in adjusting and paying its losses.

REMEMBERS THE MUSTACHE.

President Recognizes Southern Visitor by His Whiskers. Col. Charles Anderson, of Anderson, S. C., who has the largest mustache in his State, called on the President the other day. They had met once before, when the President was visiting Charleston, and Col. Anderson was a member of the reception committee.

"Do you grow such whiskers in South Carolina?" asked Mr. Roosevelt, when they met at that occasion. When they met at the White House last week Col. Anderson inquired:

"Do you remember me, Mr. President?" The President hesitated for a moment. "I certainly know that mustache!" he exclaimed, and then recalled the circumstances of the first meeting.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Dec. 16, 1906, 8 p. m. The weather is unsettled with rain in the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee, and the Gulf States. In all other districts, except the Pacific Coast States and the northern Rocky Mountain region, fair weather prevails.

In the Southeastern States, including the East Gulf States, the temperatures are 15 to 25 degrees above the seasonal average. In the Middle Atlantic States and the extreme Northwest there has been a fall of 20 to 25 degrees, and no weather prevails generally in that region.

The weather will be rainy and unsettled Monday in the Ohio Valley, the Middle Atlantic States, and the Gulf and South Atlantic States; elsewhere the weather is probably fair, except in the Pacific Coast and in the Plateau Region, where rain will continue. There will be a decided fall in temperature in the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, and the Upper Lake region. The temperature will also fall slowly in the Southeastern districts, and generally fair and colder weather may be expected Tuesday east of the Mississippi.

The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be fresh and variable, mostly westerly; on the South Atlantic coast light to fresh southerly; on the East Gulf coast, fresh southerly; on the West Gulf coast, fresh to brisk northerly; on the Lower Lakes, fresh westerly; and on the Upper Lakes, fresh to brisk westerly.

Steamers departing Monday for European ports will have fresh westerly winds and rainy weather to the Grand Banks.

NOTES.—The display of storm warnings on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, and St. Clair will be discontinued for the season at the termination of December 15, and on Lakes Erie and Ontario at the termination of December 20, 1906. The display of warnings on Lake St. Clair will be discontinued at the termination of December 15, 1906.

Local Temperature.—Midnight, 52; 2 a. m., 53; 4 a. m., 54; 6 a. m., 51; 8 a. m., 49; 10 a. m., 50; 12 noon, 50; 2 p. m., 49; 4 p. m., 47; 6 p. m., 45; 8 p. m., 43; 10 p. m., 42; Maximum, 56; minimum, 40.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 73; 2 p. m., 71; 8 p. m., 70. Rainfall, 0.11. Hours of sunshine, 9. Per cent of possible sunshine, 60.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 32; minimum, 25.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the rainfall, for the past twelve hours ending at 8 p. m. yesterday, were as follows:

Max. Min. 8 p. m. fall.

Asheville, N. C., 54 40 0.02

Atlanta, Ga., 54 40 0.02

Birmingham, Ala., 54 40 0.02

Boston, Mass., 54 40 0.02

Buffalo, N. Y., 54 40 0.02

Chicago, Ill., 54 40 0.02

Cincinnati, Ohio, 54 40 0.02

Cleveland, Ohio, 54 40 0.02

Columbus, Ohio, 54 40 0.02

Dayton, Ohio, 54 40 0.02

Des Moines, Iowa, 54 40 0.02

Galveston, Tex., 54 40 0.02

Hartford, Conn., 54 40 0.02

Indianapolis, Ind., 54 40 0.02

Jacksonville, Fla., 54 40 0.02

Kansas City, Mo., 54 40 0.02

Little Rock, Ark., 54 40 0.02

Memphis, Tenn., 54 40 0.02

Mobile, Ala., 54 40 0.02

New Orleans, La., 54 40 0.02

New York, N. Y., 54 40 0.02

North Platte, Neb., 54 40 0.02

Omaha, Neb., 54 40 0.02

Pittsburgh, Pa., 54 40 0.02

Salt Lake City, Utah, 54 40 0.02

St. Louis, Mo., 54 40 0.02

St. Paul, Minn., 54 40 0.02

Springfield, Ill., 54 40 0.02

Vicksburg, Miss., 54 40 0.02

ROBT. L. DUNN WILL LECTURE.

War Correspondent to Talk Before the Automobile Club.

Robert L. Dunn, the well-known newspaper correspondent and photographer, who followed the fortunes of the Japanese army throughout the entire war with Russia, will deliver a complimentary lecture at the New Willard Hotel this evening before the Automobile Club of Washington.

Mr. Dunn had the good fortune to reach Chempulso early in February, and by a freak of luck for him the war began almost immediately under his eyes, with the destruction of the Russian war ships Varlag and Kozetz. For many weeks Mr. Dunn followed the fortunes of the First Army of Invasion, making many thousands of pictures, and undergoing many hardships.

His lecture, which is illustrated with many of these pictures, is entitled "How Russia Lost." They portray the actual battle scenes in the struggle between the Russian and Japanese armies, and form a pictorial narrative of the greatest military contest of modern times.

PLAN TO CARE FOR GRAVE.

Indiana Will Do Reverence to Memory of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 16.—Efforts are to be renewed to secure proper care for the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of President Abraham Lincoln, at the coming session of the Indiana legislature.

Indiana is much criticized for the condition in which the grave has been allowed to remain. The legislature will be asked to make an appropriation that will be sufficient to put the grave and surroundings in order. It is understood Gov. Hanley will support the movement.

COUNTS' DOG GONE AGAIN

Mme. Cassini's Valuable Wolf Hound Disappears Once More.

Aristocratic Canine Is Believed to Be Mingling With the Hol Polloi of the Corner Lots.

Countess Cassini's big Russian wolf hound, valued at \$200, left in the care of Mrs. Von Kreuter, of 1366 Twenty-second street northwest, is among the missing again. Central office detectives have been asked to maintain a lookout for the valuable pet.

During Countess Cassini's stay in Washington the large yellow dog, which she brought from Russia, ran away several times, and on each occasion it was apprehended by the police. Although born and reared in the lap of luxury until his avariciousness prohibited it, the dog was wont to desert his royal associates and lope off to the highways and byways, where he mingled with the hol polloi or canines of plebeian birth and breeding.

The police believe he will again be found frolicking and gamboling on some vacant lot with his inferiors, or hunting a dog biscuit in a garbage can. He is said to have an insatiable fondness for such scraps or escapades. In view of the fact that Countess Cassini prizes the dog most highly, Mrs. Von Kreuter has requested that the police make every endeavor to ascertain his whereabouts.

The animal has a large leather collar with brass decorations, and the name of Countess Cassini on the silver plate.

POLICE TO GUARD TILLMAN.

Cleveland Authorities Take Precautions Against Possible Trouble.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Senator Tillman is booked to speak in Gray's Armory to-morrow night, and the police are apprehensive of trouble, although they will not admit it at the present time. Police Inspector Rowe takes a calm view of the affair, and said to-night:

"Cleveland people are pretty level-headed and they are not apt to become demonstrative over any kind of a speech. We will have a detail of police at the armory, and Tillman will be given ample police protection." Senator Tillman will reach Cleveland at noon to-morrow.

At the lecture bureau, the manager said to-day: "Threats against Mr. Tillman will not in the least modify the Senator's statements. He will discuss the situation as he views it, and finds it, from the viewpoint of a man who has spent his life in an atmosphere where this question always has been paramount."

ASKED TO HUNT DESERTERS.

Police Notified of the Disappearance of Five Soldiers.

The police department has been notified to keep a lookout for W. H. Smith, 531 Eleventh street southeast; Charles L. Littlefield, 92 Second street southeast; John J. Lyttle, 25 B street northwest; Frank C. Wilkins, and W. McK. Smith, deserters from the army. A reward of \$200 apiece is offered for the first four, and one of \$100 for the last named.

Last Rites for Dr. G. H. Shoulters.

The funeral services of the late Dr. G. H. Shoulters, which will last until 1:30 o'clock to-day, began yesterday at the Church of the Ascension, Rev. Dr. Brown, pastor of that church, conducting the service. At midnight the "Kadosh," or Scottish Rite service, was held over the body of the deceased. To-day at 1:30 o'clock the final service for the burial of the dead will be held at the Scottish Rite Hall. The body will then be taken to Rock Hill Cemetery, where interment will take place. Dr. Shoulters was well known in Masonic circles, being a member of the Benjamin B. French Lodge, F. A. M., and the Eureka Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. He also belonged to Columbia Commandery No. 2, K. T.

Immigrants Still Increase.

A statement made public at the Department of Commerce and Labor shows that 94,621 immigrants arrived at ports of the United States in November, as compared with 61,374 in the corresponding month of 1905. Immigration from Russia increased from 8,655 in November, 1905, to 21,073 in November of this year. For the six months ended November 30 last the statement shows that the number of alien arrivals was 575,321, as compared with 478,887 in the six months ended November 30, last year.

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—7 Cognacs, \$1.50 to \$3.00 qt.

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CAPT. TANNER DEAD

Heart Disease Ends Life of Noted Naval Officer.

WAS LEADING HYDROGRAPHER

His Work in the Study of Fish in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans Was Invaluable to Government—Regarded as Genius in Taking Deep Sea Soundings—Civil War Veteran.

Commander Zera L. Tanner, U. S. N., retired, one of the most prominent hydrographers in the world, and whose reports to the United States Fish Commission are among its most valuable papers, died suddenly early yesterday morning at his home at 2304 R street. He was seventy-one years of age.

Commander Tanner, or Capt. Tanner, as he was most generally known, had not been in the best of health for several days prior to his death. An acute attack of heart trouble is given as the cause. For several years he had been troubled with slight attacks of the heart, but none was serious. When the final attack came yesterday an effort was made to revive him, but he never regained consciousness and died with his wife and daughter beside him.

The funeral of Capt. Tanner will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence. The body will be taken to Arlington Cemetery with full military escort.

Miss Ruth Tanner, his daughter, made her debut only ten days ago, and is one of the most popular of the season's debutantes. His wife survives him.

Was Civil War Volunteer.

Capt. Tanner was born at Warsaw, Wyoming County, N. Y., December 5, 1835. He was educated in the common schools, and entered the merchant marine service at the age of seventeen years. When the civil war broke out he volunteered as a naval officer, and was appointed to the regular service.

Shortly after the close of the war Capt. Tanner was connected with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and commanded a vessel running along the coast. Later, he took charge of the City of Pekin, and made regular voyages to the Orient. At this time he was on leave of absence from the navy. When the navy desired his services, he left the Pacific Mail and again entered the regular service of the Fish Commission. Capt. Tanner made the first cable survey from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands.

He was assigned to the United States Fish Commission and remained with the fish boat several years. Later he took the command of the steamer Fishhawk for the commission and continued exploration work and the study of the fish along the Atlantic coast.

Continues His Researches.

He remained with the Fishhawk until 1882, when the steamer Albattross was placed in commission to continue work along the same lines. Capt. Tanner continued his hydrographic research and his study of the fish of the seas from the coast of Newfoundland to the Caribbean Sea.

Early in 1888 he took the steamer Albattross to the Pacific Ocean. A voyage was made to the Bering Sea for the purpose of inspecting the fur seals of that locality. The work done along the Pacific by Capt. Tanner has been of great benefit to the Fish Commission, and was the first to any great extent undertaken by the government officials.

At the time of his retirement in December, 1897, Capt. Tanner was in charge of the Albattross in the Pacific. He came to Washington shortly afterward, and had remained here since.

In the work of taking dredgings from the ocean's bottom and deep sea soundings Capt. Tanner was considered a genius. His work along these lines, together with the methods he invented and used were said to be of the highest class. Regarding the fish of both oceans and their habits, and the results of his explorations of different parts of the seas, special reports were published by the commission, and have been retained by it as its most valuable and reliable data.

HIBERNIANS CONDEMN FRANCE

Declare People Are Attempting to Drive Saviour Out of Country.

Resolutions condemning the French republic for confiscating the property of the Catholic Church were passed unanimously yesterday at an executive meeting of the Hibernian Society, under the auspices of Division No. 2, at the hall of the latter division, at 910 Pennsylvania avenue.

It was stated in the resolution that the name of the Saviour having been expurgated from state schools it was now the endeavor of the French people to drive Him from the country.

Several addresses were made, in which the recent action of the French government was severely criticized.

W. J. Spruson, a leading Catholic public man, of Sydney, New South Wales, and a member of the Australian Parliament, made an address at the open meeting on the characteristics of the Irish race in Australia and America.

The problems, he said, which confronted the race in Australia are largely those which have been worked out by the Irish-Americans, and the former are no less acute and fearless in fighting for all they hold dear.

Conditions, he declared, differed largely as the emigrant to Australia was an Englishman, Scotchman, or Irishman first, and an Australian second. "In this country," he added, "an Irishman is an American first and an Irishman all the time." Referring to the Japanese and other race problems, Mr. Spruson said the white government was considered the ideal government by the Australians and for this reason they discouraged Mongolian and Ethiopian immigration. In declaring that the race problem was better solved by prevention of immigration than by segregation of the races or other methods, the speaker said he felt he had the sympathy of every American citizen.

In reference to the policy of expansion, he said:

"It is my expectation that some day the territory between American and Australia will be controlled by the two republics. I hope to live to see the day when the hands of America and Australia will shake hands across the Pacific Ocean."

Mr. Spruson, though a native-born Australian, is of Irish descent. He has been honored by the Pope for advancing the interests of the Catholic Church in that country.

The election of officers was held, resulting as follows: President, P. J. Hattigan; vice president, J. McInerney; secretary, P. Gallagher; financial secretary, J. McElroy; treasurer, G. B. McGonigle; chairman, standing committee, J. J. Doyle; division physician, E. J. Collins; sergeant-at-arms, D. J. Sullivan, and sentinel, J. W. Carroll.

Herald Want Ads

will be received at the Astoria Pharmacy, Third and G sts. n.w., and promptly forwarded to the main office.

SCARCITY OF FUEL SERIOUS.

Several Persons Frozen to Death in North Dakota as Result.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—A frightful situation exists in North Dakota owing to the scarcity of fuel. Several persons have frozen to death through the neglect of the railroads to furnish cars for the shipment of coal and wood. In North Dakota there is no lumber, and the residents and farmers are obliged to buy coal when they can get it.

The most serious feature is the possibility of a snow blockade. There is now more snow on the ground than at any time since 1896. In the face of the appalling situation the people are paying no attention to the lack of cars for wheat shipments, and the immense quantities of wheat that lie loose on the ground, buried under the snow, and individuals, commercial and civic bodies, and State newspapers demand that fuel be given right of way over everything and rushed to the points where it is needed.

GUGGENHEIM WILL BE VICTOR.

Predicted That Expenditure of a Million Dollars Was Not in Vain.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 16.—Ten years of patient plodding coupled with the expenditure of a sum not less than \$1,000,000, and perhaps a great deal more, will result in the gratification of the ambition of Millionaire Simon Guggenheim when, before the 19th of next month, the legislature elects him United States Senator to succeed Thomas M. Patterson. His election is absolutely assured, notwithstanding the grumbling of some other candidates and the absence of President Roosevelt's endorsement. Already Guggenheim is spoken of as the senatorial Senator, but his friends call him the savior of the party.

NEW MOVE IS TOO RADICAL

Plan for Control of Physical Operation of Railroads Feared.

Bill Submitted to President by Judge Cowan Proposes to Increase Interstate Commission's Powers.

If President Roosevelt sends a message to Congress urging that body to enact a law empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to take charge of the physical operation of railroads in emergencies such as now exist relating to car shortage, a situation will be created that may be grave in its consequences.

This is the opinion of public men who are familiar with transportation matters, and who have been informed, although not upon official authority, that efforts are being made to induce the President to take this, the most radical step that has ever been proposed in connection with legislation regulating the railroads of the United States.

So far Congress has passed laws regulating only the cost of transportation. The plan to authorize a government body to step in and manage railroads, should the government decide that the carriers are unable to manage themselves, is proposed by Judge Samuel K. Cowan, attorney for the Texas Cattle Growers' Association, who took a leading part in the movement that resulted in the passage of the railroad rate law.

It is said upon good authority that Judge Cowan has written a bill carrying out his ideas in this matter, and that a draft of the measure has been handed to the President, who, in turn, it is said, has submitted the proposition to the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Doubt is expressed here that the President can be persuaded to lend his name to this revolutionary scheme.

UNCLOTHED, DIVES AT CAR.

Trenton, N. J., Man, Commits Suicide in Strange Manner.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 16.—After stripping himself of his clothing, James Murphy, of 54 Emory avenue, left his home to-night, walked half a block, and dived headlong into the dashboard of a trolley car. He was killed, the car crushing in his skull. The street was practically deserted at the time, and until Murphy rushed out in front of the fast-moving car he was unnoticed except by two children, who, in the darkness, did not remark his lack of attire.

Murphy had been in bad temper, and a short time before the affair happened told his family that some one would have to get out of the house.

FAST TRAIN HITS ENGINE.

Smash-up Near Canton, Ohio, May Result in One Death.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Two men were badly injured about 10 o'clock to-night, one probably fatally, when the Pennsylvania flyer, due here at 9:35, crashed into an engine of a Wheeling and Lake Erie freight train. Engineer John Ray, of the Wheeling and Lake Erie crew, was taken to the hospital in a dying condition, while Fireman Nicholson was also badly injured. Both men were from the Toledo division.

In the smash-up both engines were demolished, as was part of the smoker and mail coach on the Pennsylvania. The Wheeling and Lake Erie train had just pulled in from its run and was standing on the crossing when the flyer on the Pennsylvania struck the engine.

Earthquake Shock Recorded.

Laibach, Dec. 16.—The seismographs at the observatory here record an earthquake, calculated to have been 940 miles distant, from 8:25 to 8:30 o'clock last evening.

Three Men Asphyxiated.

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 16.—Three men were found dead from gas asphyxiation in the Amsterdam Hotel, at 316 Hudson street. They were Jacobus Florian, thirty-five years old; his brother John, thirty years old, and John Soltbom, thirty-five years old. Their death was accidental, the police believe. They arrived from Holland two days ago.

Jilted Man Jumps Into Oven.

Delagua, Colo., Dec. 16.—His sweetheart refused to marry him and Joseph Tomie climbed to the top of a huge coke oven, which was being run at white heat, and jumped in. Tomie received a letter from his sweetheart in Austria yesterday saying that because he gambled instead of saving his money to build a home, she could not think of marrying him.

Train Hits Buggy Near Dallas.

Dallas Tex., Dec. 16.—A train on the Cotton Belt Railroad last night crashed into a carriage north of the city limits of Dallas, in which were two women and two children. Leo Whitfield, one and a half years old, was hurt so badly that he died this morning. Willie Nugent died this evening. Their mothers were not dangerously hurt.

KEEPS TO HER CELL

Mrs. Bradley Spends Lonely Sunday in Jail.

DOES NOT ATTEND SERVICE

Listens to Sermon and Singing from Her Room, but Declines the Invitation to Join Fellow-prisoners at the Meeting—Watches the Reports of the Case in the Newspapers.

Yesterday was the saddest Sunday in the life of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, held for the murder of ex-Senator Brown. She had spent the Sunday before at the House of Detention in the matron's room, with the matron herself and counsel and others making every effort to quiet her and draw her thoughts from the deed she had committed. At that time Senator Brown still lived.

During the religious services yesterday at the District Jail Mrs. Bradley was a silent listener. From her cell in the female ward she could hear the sermon and the singing below. She sat quietly throughout the services, and apparently was much interested. A few tears came into her eyes during the meeting, but she said nothing, did nothing, but rest—and think. Mrs. Bradley did not care to attend the services. The words of the sermon of Dr. Woodward and the singing could be plainly heard in all parts of the old brick building. Mrs. Bradley did not join in the singing. While the services were going on she remained in the rear of her cell, and away from the view of others in the ward.

Rumors Regarding Children.

It has been reported that the children of Mrs. Bradley were brought to Washington when their mother faces a jury to answer the charge of killing the man, who, she says, is their father. In this case the children would have seats in the courtroom at their mother's side. On the other hand, one of Mrs. Bradley's attorneys, Robert W. Wells, stated yesterday that there was little probability of the little ones coming here.

Mrs. Bradley's cell at the jail is the same indignantly as dormitories of others in the female ward. It is on the second floor of the east wing of the building. It contains a cot and an old-fashioned table and a chair. That is all. Mrs. Bradley's trunk has never been removed from the House of Detention, and she wears the same clothes of dark material that she wore on the day of the inquest over the body of the man she killed. No one is allowed to assist in bringing her the matrons in charge. Even ministers who may desire to comfort her are not admitted.